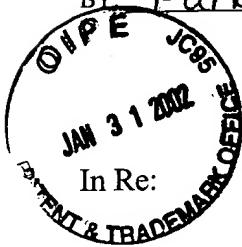


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The extension fee of \$460.00 is being paid by our firm's check, which is enclosed herewith.

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